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Model Lesson Plan

Social Studies High School

Topic 3 – Tribal Leaders (contemporary and historical)

Established Goals:

Students will identify representative political leaders and philosophies from selected historical and contemporary settings. SS2:B12.3

Suggested lesson duration: approximately four – 50-minute periods

Understandings:

Students will be able to explain why the person they have researched is significant in history, or why the person is regarded as a contemporary tribal leader.

Leaders can be identified and presented on the basis of students' knowledge of what they can learn about them (who, what, where, when, why).

The ideologies of Native traditional beliefs and spirituality persist into modern day life as tribal cultures, traditions, and languages are still practiced by many American Indian people and are incorporated into how tribes govern and manage their affairs. EU 3

Under the American legal system, Indian tribes have sovereign powers, separate and independent from the federal and state governments. However, the extent and breadth of tribal sovereignty is not the same for each tribe. EU 7

Students will be able to...

Identify and describe famous American Indian leaders from the 12 Montana Tribal Nations.

Essential Questions:

Who are some famous leaders from Montana Tribal Nations?

Why are they considered leaders?

What should we know about them and what can we learn from them (who, what, where, when, why)?

Students will know...

Tribal histories and contemporary tribal members, governments and nations have shaped and are shaping the social and political face of Montana. An educated and contemporary Montana citizen has basic knowledge of these histories about Montana tribes.

Stage 2 Assessment Evidence

Performance Tasks:

Students will conduct research on a contemporary and/or historic leader representing one of the 12 Tribal Nations of Montana.

Students will also be required to provide a historical and/or contemporary context for the particular leader they choose to research.

Students will present a two-page summary of their research and be asked to give a 5 – 10 minute oral presentation in class.

Other Evidence:

Visual aids (photos, excerpts from speeches, newspaper articles, reference books) may be used to enhance the oral presentation.



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Learning Activities:

Ask students to brainstorm a list of famous American Indians (historic and contemporary).

Try to come up with a list of at least 15-20 leaders.

Ask students why they suggested this particular person, what characteristics and/or accomplishments make the person noteworthy? Have a brief discussion about what makes a leader.

Next, display a list of the 12 Tribal Nations of Montana on the board /overhead.

Brainstorm a list of well-known leaders representing each Montana Tribal Nation.

If few names are given, tell students they will now have the opportunity to conduct their own research on a leader from a specific Montana tribe.

Assign students one of the 12 Tribal Nations to conduct research on a contemporary and/or historic tribal leader. (you may want to assign tribes to ensure coverage – a sample list of leaders is included in the lesson)

Refer students to the Essential Questions to help guide their research.

Students will be required to turn in a two page summary of their respective leader and that they will be asked to do a five minute oral presentation to the rest of the class about their research.

Materials/Resources Needed:

Excellent resource for Social Studies writing assignments.

http://www.writingfix.com/WAC/Writing_Across_Curriculum_RAFTS_Soc_Studies.htm

Websites for each Tribal Nation can be found at <http://www.mtwytlc.com/>

Blackfeet www.blackfeetnation.com

Chippewa - Cree Tribes of the Rocky Boy's Reservation <http://rockyboy.org/>

Crow Tribe Apsaalooke Nation <http://www.crownations.net/>

Fort Belknap – Assiniboine/Gros Ventre <http://www.ftbelknap-nsn.gov>

Fort Peck Tribes – Assiniboine/Sioux <http://www.fortpecktribes.org>

Little Shell Tribe <http://www.littleshelltribe.us/>

Northern Cheyenne Tribal Government <http://www.cheyennenation.com/>

Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes <http://www.cskt.org>

This reference book was sent to all Montana school libraries – contains numerous biographies of famous Indians:

Champagne, Duane (**Ojibwe**) (ed). *Native North American Almanac: A Reference Work of Native North Americans in the United States and Canada*. Detroit: Gale Publishing, 2001. This comprehensive volume provides historical and contemporary information about the Native peoples of North America.

Honoring Native Women's Voices: A Collection of Stories. Pablo, MT: Salish Kootenai College, 2006. 46 pgs. Created by the Tribal History Project, Salish Kootenai College, with an Introduction by Julie Cajune, the biographical histories in this collection reveal the talents, power, wisdom, and contributions of thirteen women.

Heroes/Contemporary Leaders

Names submitted by MACIE members (not all tribes have submitted their list of local leaders as of November 2007).

Apsáalooke (Crow)

Medicine Crow
Plenty Coups
Pretty Eagle
Sore Belly
Whiteman-Runs-Him
Goes Ahead
Hairy Moccasin
Curly
Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow
Dr. Barney Old Coyote
Dr. Janine Pease
Mr. Carl Venne
Mr. Robert Yellowtail

Blackfeet

Northern Cheyenne

Fort Belknap – Assiniboine and Gros Ventre

Flathead – Salish, Kootenai, Pend d' Oreille

Fort Peck – Assiniboine and Sioux

Robert Four Star (Assiniboine)
Ronnie Dumont (Assiniboine)
Carl Four Star (Assiniboine)
Caleb Shields (Sioux)
Shep Ferguson (Sioux)
Pearl Nation (Sioux)
Victor Four Star (Assiniboine)
Joe Miller (Assiniboine)
Dallas Four Star (Assiniboine)
Mercy White Bear (Sioux)

Donald White Bear (Three Affiliated Tribes)

Little Shell Chippewa

Traditional
Little Shell Chiefs
Little Shell I
Little Shell II
Little Shell III
Red Thunder
Rising Sun
Thomas Little Shell
John Baptist Bottineau
Louis Reil
Gabriel Dumont
Contemporary
Joe Dussome
Kathleen Fleury
Don Bishop
John "Bud" Sinclair, lives in Helena.

Chippewa - Cree Tribes

Dr. Robert Swan
Ms. Margaret "Peggy" Nagel
Bert Corcoran
John "Roddy" Sunchild
Joe Big Knife
Nadine Morsette
Harold Monteau
Charles Gopher
Roger St. Pierre, Sr.
Dr. Nate St. Pierre
Fine Bow
Well Off Man
Peter Kennewash
Chief Goes Out
Frank Billy
Fred Nault
Malcolm Mitchell